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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, CASC (MORGAN, ERNEST R.)

SUBJECT: COLONEL MORGAN ABDUCTION

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF CONTINGENCY PRESS STATEMENT TO BE
ISSUED BY DEPARTMENT ON RELEASE OF COLONEL MORGAN:

QUOTE: THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, IS DELIGHTED THAT COLONEL MORGAN
HAS BEEN RELEASED UNHARMED. HE WILL SHORTLY BE ABLE TO
REJOIN HIS FAMILY, WHOSE ORDEAL THROUGHOUT THE TWO WEEKS
OF HIS CAPTIVITY WAS EXCEEDED ONLY BY THAT OF COLONEL
MORGAN HIMSELF.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WISHES TO EXPRESS ITS
GRATITUDE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON FOR ITS PERSISTENT,
RESOURCEFUL AND EVENTUALLY SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO SECURE
THE SAFE RELEASE OF COLONEL MORGAN. WITHOUT THESE
EFFORTS THIS MIGHT BE A DAY OF TRAGEDY INSTEAD OF JOY.
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COLONEL MORGAN'S RELEASE WAS SECURED WITHOUT CONCESSIONS
OF ANY KIND BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO THE DEMANDS OF HIS
ABDUCTORS, CONSISTENT WITH OUR FIRM POLICY NOT TO ACCEDE
TO TERRORIST RANSOM DEMANDS OR POLITICAL BLACKMAIL. END

QUOTE. INGERSOLL

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